

AGENCY AT A

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SO FAR THIS YEAR

- 7,490 impaired drivers arrested
- 20,155 collisions investigated
- 152 fatality collisions
- 27,749 distracted driving contacts
- 23,608 seatbelt violations
- 80,471 aggressive driver contacts
- 213,532 excessive speed contacts
- 40,655 CMV inspections



The TraCS Team has been hard at work providing training to the WSP's Regional Academy Instructors (RAIs) as well as folks within the districts.

Official training will begin during **3rd Trimester Trainings** in September.

Want to learn more about TraCS? Visit the website by [clicking here](#).

HAVE PHOTOS

OR STORIES

TO SHARE?

Have an amazing photo of your patrol car? A story to share about what your office does within the WSP? We want to hear from you. Part of the fun of The Milepost is seeing and learning about all the different aspects of our agency - and with us being state wide - you can rest assure there is a ton of content out there! Feel free to send in photos and story ideas to [TheMilepost@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:TheMilepost@wsp.wa.gov) for future consideration.



Congrats August promotees!



**OLYMPIA, Wash.** - Congratulations to the Washington State Patrol (WSP) employees recognized during a promotional ceremony held on Aug. 6 at the Helen Sommers Building in Olympia. Congratulations everyone on your wonderful achievement! The promotees include:

- Ms. Mary J. Margeson, Data Consultant 3, Investigative Assistance Division to Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit Program Manager, Investigative Assistance Division
- Ms. Kayli J. Riedl, Criminal Identification Coordination Specialist, Criminal Records Division to Management Analyst 5, Criminal Records Division
- Ms. Mia K. Hedrick, Fingerprint Lead Technician, Criminal Records Division to Fingerprint Supervisor, Criminal Records Division

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

DISTRICT 5

**District 5** - Troopers made a strong impact across Lewis, Clark, and Cowlitz counties, embodying the spirit of meaningful community engagement. Whether snapping selfies with residents (and their dogs!) or sparking conversations about seat belt safety, they brought energy and approachability to public outreach. Surrounded by fellow law enforcement partners, troopers helped inspire new ideas for future events, collaborations, and deeper connections with the communities they serve.



DISTRICT 6

By JEREMY WEBBER  
D6 PIO TROOPER

**DISTRICT 6** - One of our favorite times of the year is National Night Out. This community building event allows us to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and our communities. It gives us the opportunity to put the daily grind aside and spend time with our neighbors to get to know them. It also forces us to enjoy the outdoors, even though in District 6 it was extremely hot!

"The little boy in the green shirt wearing my hat happened to have the same first name as me," said Basin Trooper Jaimen Smith. "He thought it was pretty cool - that was the first time he met another Jaimen."

This year District 6 was part of eight separate National Night Out's to include: East Wenatchee, Quincy, Moses Lake, Kittitas, Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Lake Chelan, and Oroville.

Thank you to all troopers who took the time to get involved in their communities.



DISTRICT 8

**DISTRICT 8** - Troopers attended National Night Out (NNO) events across the district, including in Bainbridge Island and Hoquiam.





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

## DISTRICT 3

A banner for National Night Out 2025, District 3. The banner is white with a red and blue border. It features the 'CHIEF FOR A DAY' logo, which includes a circular emblem with a star and the words 'CHIEF FOR A DAY'. Below the logo, the words 'NIGHT OUT' and 'DISTRICT 3' are printed in a stylized font. The banner is hanging from a white railing.

**DISTRICT 3** - August 5<sup>th</sup> brought the Walla Walla Detachment to cover four counties for National Night Out events. Trooper Wes Cook took charge of Chief for the Day with Chief Delilah, who will be turning 10 soon and is excited for her pool birthday party.

Former Trooper Joe Klundt, now Undersheriff with Walla Walla Sheriff's Office, and Lieutenant Tomaras, now Chief of College Place, were both hosting little chiefs at the same event. Trooper Mueller hung out with Smokey the bear at Garfield Counties NNO.

Troopers Grandstaff and Hoeft attended Columbia County National Night Out where they saved Cadet Barberich from the Sheriff's Office boat.

Troopers Stefani and Kely attended Asotin County National Night Out where they started a band "Cracklin Bacon" playing lead blow up guitars.



# DISTRICT 1

**By DEBBIE PETERMAN**  
TRACS PROGRAM MANAGER

**DISTRICT 1** - Last night, the Gold Creek Neighborhood in Tumwater, Washington, came alive with community spirit as residents gathered to celebrate National Night Out—a nationwide event that brings neighbors together and strengthens relationships with local law enforcement and emergency services.

The Tumwater Police Department was well represented, with several officers stopping by to mingle, answer questions, and share in the festivities. Thurston County Medic One also made an appearance, showcasing their lifesaving equipment and connecting with families.

As I chatted with neighbors, one of them—knowing I work for the Washington State Patrol—turned to me and asked, “Where are the troopers?” I froze for a moment, caught off guard. Good question.

I reached out to Sgt. Scott Kirkeby to see if he was on duty and had a moment to spare. He replied almost instantly, assuring me he'd send someone over.

Enter Trooper Jordan Jacobs.

Trooper Jacobs arrived in no time—and the reaction was electric (photo attached is my daughter Kelsee, and a neighbor friend, Holden). The kids were absolutely thrilled, swarming him with excitement and curiosity. Trooper Jordan was a natural: approachable, engaging, and full of energy. He answered every question with patience and enthusiasm, making a lasting impression on both the young ones, their parents, and other adult neighbors.

His presence was the perfect addition to an already fantastic evening, and a great reminder of the value of connection between law enforcement and the communities they serve.



# Chaplains ride along with Detachment 6



**DISTRICT 3** - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Joseph McCain is retiring soon so Chaplains Bob and Cherie Grimes conducted ride-alongs with District 1 Detachment 6 in Olympia. Photographed Front: Chaplain Bob Grimes, Trooper Benedictine Singian, Trooper Joseph McClain, Trooper Brittany Barron, Trooper Shelby Miller, Chaplain Cherie Grimes. Back Row: Trooper Trevor Thorpe, Sgt. Scott Kirkeby, Trooper Bronson Jacoby, and Trooper Benjamin Clark.



# WSP troopers attend 2025 National Black State Trooper's conference



**ATLANTA, Ga. -** Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 5 sent Trooper Christopher Corner and Trooper Jonathan Warner to the 2025 National Black State Trooper's Conference in Atlanta, Ga. This year's motto was "Shaping a Legacy of Change". The training classes we attended covered retirement plans, avoiding burn out, and AI Intelligence, and numerous other classes all taught by the FBI and homeland security.



# WSP attends Lacey PD's Cops, Cars N Kids event at Cabelas

**LACEY, WA.** - Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers attended Lacey Police Department's Cops, Cars N Kids event on Aug. 2.

The event was held at Cabela's, providing a space for local first responders to showcase their community resources, host a community car show, and provide an opportunity for folks to donate blood to those in need. Trooper Reese DePew and Sgt. Matt Rogers participated in the days events.





Travel and attendance was made possible through a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC).

Ms. Cortez was selected for this award following recognition by the international DRE community for her unwavering commitment and impactful support of the program.

**By KATERI CANDEE**  
FIREARMS BACKGROUND  
COMMANDER

Assistant Chief Shane Nelson was in attendance and took the opportunity to award Leonida Eason her 10 year WSP service pin. Additionally, he presented Alicia Powell a Chief's Coin for her exemplary work in creating a comprehensive municipal code resource that significantly improved the efficiency and accuracy of firearm background checks within the Firearms Background Division. Overall, it was a splendid lunchtime tea party steeped in laughter, team building and good company.



## An aerial view of a large body of water, likely a lake or bay. In the foreground, a white seaplane with red accents is moving across the water, leaving a white wake. Further back, another seaplane is visible, and a third one is on the right side of the frame. The background shows a hilly coastline with houses and trees. The sky is overcast.

**KLICKITAT COUNTY, Wash.** - Marc Biundo, Washington State Patrol (WSP) Electronic Services Division Wireless Engineering Manager, photographed fire crews hard at work at the end of July fighting fires in [Klickitat County](#). These photos were taken along Hood River.